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Passaic Vicinage Commemorates Black History Month

The Passaic Vicinage will hold a program celebrating Black History Month on Friday, Feb. 21 from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the freeholders' meeting room on the second floor of the Passaic County Administration Building, 401 Grand St., Paterson.

Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter will be the keynote speaker. Born and raised in Paterson, Sumter graduated from Kean University in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in political science. She earned a master's degree in healthcare administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University's Silberman College of Business and serves as associate vice president of behavioral health services for Hackensack UMC, Mountainside.

A dance performance will be presented by the Fine and Performing Arts Academy at School 24 in Paterson.

The vicinage's Equal Employment/Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and its Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement are co-sponsoring the event, which is free and open to the public.